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Hi Jill –

Here is what I found, which all seem consistently to refer Oregon's waters to be the ocean 3 miles out. The third link has a lot of information about different management efforts and maps of the territorial sea.

Oregon Revised Statutes [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills\\_laws/lawsstatutes/2013ors468B.html](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/lawsstatutes/2013ors468B.html)  
Chapter 468B — Water Quality

**468B.005 Definitions for water pollution control laws. ....**

(10) "Water" or "the waters of the state" include lakes, bays, ponds, impounding reservoirs, springs, wells, rivers, streams, creeks, estuaries, marshes, inlets, canals, **the Pacific Ocean within the territorial limits of the State of Oregon** and all other bodies of surface or underground waters, natural or artificial, inland or coastal, fresh or salt, public or private (except those private waters which do not combine or effect a junction with natural surface or underground waters), which are wholly or partially within or bordering the state or within its jurisdiction. [Formerly 449.075 and then 468.700; 2003 c.469 §1]

[Oregon Ocean Law: ORS 196.405-.515](#)

OREGON OCEAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

**196.405 Definitions for ORS 196.405 to 196.515.** As used in ORS 196.405 to 196.515, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Council" means the council established in ORS 196.438.
- (2) "Exclusive Economic Zone" has the meaning set forth in Proc. 5030 whereby the United States proclaimed jurisdiction over the resources of the ocean within 200 miles of the coastline.
- (3) "Panel" means a project review panel established under ORS 196.453.
- (4) "Plan" means the Oregon Ocean Resources Management Plan.
- (5) "Territorial sea" means the waters and seabed extending three geographical miles seaward from the coastline in conformance with federal law.
- (6) "Territorial Sea Plan" means the plan for Oregon's territorial sea. [1987 c.576 §6; 1991 c.501 §2; 2003 c.744 §1]

**196.407**

Oregon Territorial Sea Plan

[http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/OCMP/Pages/Ocean\\_TSP.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/OCMP/Pages/Ocean_TSP.aspx)

Part One: C.

**C. OREGON'S TERRITORIAL SEA**

**1. Oregon's Seaward Boundary**

Oregon, along with nearly every other coastal state<sup>1</sup>, has jurisdiction over the seabed and its resources out to three geographical (or nautical) miles<sup>2</sup> and sometimes further if offshore islands or rocks provide a more seaward point for measurement. First proposed in 1793 by then-

Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson as a "temporary" seaward boundary for the United States, state jurisdiction over this so-called "territorial sea" was finally established by Congress in the 1953 Submerged Lands Act (43 USC 1301-1315). This three-mile ribbon of ocean, comprising about 1,000 square miles, is Oregon's ocean area covered by this Territorial Sea Plan.

Footnote: 2 A "geographical" or "nautical" mile is the length along one minute of arc of latitude of the Earth's surface and measures 6,076 feet. A "statute" mile is the familiar 5,280 feet (based on the Latin for 1,000 paces). Thus, a "geographical" mile is about 1.15 "statute" miles.

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